

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 03-10-07**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 6, 2003  
Commission Meeting: October 7, 2003, 9:00 a.m.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room)

**9:30 a.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. CENTURYTEL OF MONTANA N2003.9.136 (Leroy)

On September 18, 2003, CenturyTel filed Tariff P.S.C. MONT. No. 12 to offer a Caller ID Promotion commencing October 18, 2003 and ending November 18, 2003 where customers who subscribe to Caller ID during that time will be offered a reduced rate of \$0.99 for 3 months and free activation. During the same period, customers who subscribe to Voice Mail will get the first month free if they also sign up for an additional line. The company will also waive the nonrecurring charges of the Voice Mail Services Package and offer one month free. Staff recommends approval.

**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. **10/6/03 9:30 a.m.** – L-03.10.5-RUL - SB 247 Rulemaking. (10/6/03)
2. **10/6/03 9:30 a.m.** – NorthWestern Energy Bankruptcy – Placeholder to Get Direction on Action in Bankruptcy Court and on Any Administrative Matter Related to the Bankruptcy. (10/6/03)
3. D2003.1.14 – Western Wireless – Application for Designation as ETC in Montana Non-Rural (Qwest) Area. (10/7/03)
4. D2003.8.120 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Placeholder for Discussion of Protective Order to Be Filed. (10/7/03)
5. NorthWestern Energy - Placeholder for Discussion of Any or All NorthWestern Energy Matters Pending in any Jurisdiction. (10/7/03)
6. Governor Martz – Allocation of Unassigned Universal System Benefits Funds. (10/7/03)
7. **10/10/03 6:00 a.m.** – D2003.5.62 and D2003.4.46 – FCC Triennial Review Conference Call. (10/10/03)

**Other Meetings**

**10/10/03 9:00 a.m. – Governor's Task Force (Tentative)**

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

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1. Qwest Communications Docket N2003.9.140 (Scott)

On September 26, 2003, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 03-27, cancellation charge for Uniform Access Solution (UAS), Digital Switched Service (DSS), and ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS). The purpose of this filing is to establish a nonrecurring charge for DSS, ISDN PRS, and UAS for use in determining cancellation charges. The cancellation charges are based on the nonrecurring charge for the service and are figured by using the last completed Critical Date percent.

2. Qwest Communications Docket N2003.9.141 (Scott)

On September 29, 2003, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 03-28, Update 911 Tariff Language. The purpose of this filing is to change the Montana 911 Service Tariff to update the language for pricing mileage to host and remote end offices. The effect of this language is to reduce the mileage charges for customers since they will pay only to the host and not to the remote. Qwest is requesting a November 1, 2003 effective date for this tariff.

3. CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY N2003.10.143 (Leroy)

On September 30, 2003, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana, filed Advice Letter No. MT-03-10 introducing FrontierWorks Small Business Solutions package offerings to business customers. The Small Business Solutions offers business customers a variety of bundled packages to choose from. The Small Business Solutions will be offered to business customers only on a contractual basis over a one, two, or three year term. The customer may within 90 days of activating the service cancel their contract without incurring an early termination liability charge if they are not satisfied with the service. The Company is requesting a November 7, 2003 effective date.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2003.9.140 – Qwest – Tariff Transmittal 03-27 - Cancellation Charge for UAS,  
DSS, ISDN  
N2003.9.141 – Qwest - Tariff Transmittal 03-28 – Update 911 Tariff Language  
D2003.10.142 – NorthWestern Energy – Re-Allocation of Unassigned Electric  
Universal System Benefits Fund  
N2003.10.143 – Citizens Telecommunications Co. – Frontier Works – Small  
Business Solutions New Service